

Minutes
Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
(MOSAC)
2 July 2020, 7 PM

Meeting conducted remotely with all participants online due to the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020

Members in attendance:

Amanda Chace, John Rockwell, Alan Harris

Approval of minutes:

Following one addition, the minutes as amended from the June 4th meeting were approved by a roll call vote. John Rockwell, Amanda Chace, and Alan Harris all voted in favor.

After one correction, the minutes as amended from the June 4th Executive Session were approved by a roll call vote. John Rockwell, Amanda Chace, and Alan Harris all voted in favor.

Point Road application comments and discussion:

John Rockwell noted that he had sent the members a number of technical documents for the upcoming Notice of Intent to the Marion Conservation Commission. These documents are: "Cover letter and Notice of Intent to Marion Conservation Commission for Point Road Path wetlands section (June 2020)"; "Wetland Delineation and Replication - Point Road Bike Path"; and "Drainage Report - Point Road Bike Path, Point Road (June 23, 2020)."

He would like feedback on typos and grammar emailed to him. John added that Jeffrey Oakes has told John that he is preparing a site plan of the path to go along with the NOI. The plan and NOI need to go to the Board of Selectmen for their approval prior to the Conservation Commission, as the Selectmen own the land for the path. John also thinks it will help the Selectmen if we also send the packet to the Department of Public Works (DPW) as it involves a culvert, and the town engineer may need to be involved. John also thinks it would be good to touch base with the Fire Chief, (as the path begins at the Fire Station), as well as the Police Chief. The abutters will get a notice from the Conservation Commission about the hearing relating to the wetlands section. John will make sure any abutter who reached out to the Commission previously will get a packet as well. If the members think of anyone else to be in touch with, let John know.

Amanda and Alan noted that the Commission was lucky to have the depth of technical knowledge in John and Jeff to do this work efficiently.

Open space maintenance:

Alan Harris reminded the members that the Sippican Lands Trust (SLT) has a letter of permission from the Commission allowing the SLT to mow at Goldovitz bog to the "red trail", and that likely would be done soon. Alan has not been to Joanne Drive to see if it needs mowing. Alan will take a look, we may need to let the DPW know that the first hundred feet needs to be mowed.

Alan noted that at some point in the future the phragmites at Goldovitz will need to be addressed, perhaps with help of a grant. John said the NRCS may have grant funds available for this. John also said that using a weed wacker consistently may help control the growth.

John told the members that he had asked DPW about mowing at Grassi, but there had been a miscommunication about the type of mower to be used. Now that the confusion has been resolved, the mowing was put out as a work order. Randy Parker has mowed in the meantime.

Executive session:

Chair John Rockwell stated his determination that the Commission needed to enter executive session to discuss possible land purchase. The Commission took a roll call vote: John Rockwell, Amanda Chace, and Alan Harris all voted to enter Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned following the executive session.

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